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Cortez

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international solidarity." These speeches will be at the University Law School.

With aid from Cortez, the Mexican Solidarity Network is expected to gain perspective in its focus and goals. The organization was originally formed last April. MSN's original purpose was to help combat the war in Chiapas, but now the organization wants to better define its purpose.

"The Mexican Solidarity Network is a new organization that is still trying to figure out what its goals should be," said Melanie Jones, a member of CISCAP. "At this conference, we are bringing together various human rights groups from Washington, California and Oregon to exchange ideas and discuss their own feelings about the human rights violations in Mexico. We are hoping that by the end of the conference, we'll have developed solidarity for our network."

Goldrich believes that this conference is an important step toward

improving the conditions in Mexico and toward making the MSN a stronger, unified organization.

"CISCAP and the Mexican Solidarity Network are interested in change in the direction of promoting democracy, equity and sustainability in the world," Goldrich said. "When it educates itself to the point where it thinks it understands what a better policy point would be, CISCAP and the MSN will try to educate people about that, and then try to press for legal changes or policy changes through local legislatures."

Jones said human rights violations should be of extreme importance to everyone.

"I think the current human rights conditions in Mexico is a really prevalent issue for college students because these violations are occurring so close to home," Jones said.

"We can look at parallels between what is happening in Mexico and the United States. We need to make sure that our own government could never abuse our rights like the Mexican government does

to its own indigenous people."

Jamie Anderson, a sophomore, has visited Mexico and said she believes reform in Mexico is desperately needed.

"While I was in Mexico, I saw houses made of cardboard, garage doors and plywood," Anderson said. "It was depressing to realize the extreme level of poverty in which these people live."

To help people better educate themselves about the conditions in Mexico or to become involved with CISCAP or the MSN, everyone is invited to attend Cortez's two public speeches on Saturday.

Jones hopes these presentations will be received well by the public.

"We are using Cortez to educate the public about the human rights situation in Mexico, and we are using him to educate the public about what we can do to help," Jones said. "He can help us to better understand the issue of race relations and the issue of relations between the Mexican government and Mexico's indigenous people."

News Briefs

Activist to discuss Hawaiian sovereignty

Dennis "Bumpy" Kanahale, a Hawaiian sovereignty activist, will speak Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. The Coalition Against Environmental Racism is sponsoring the speaker as a preview event for the upcoming 5th Annual CAER Environmental Justice Conference.

On Jan. 16, 1994, a body of elders who serve as a Hawaiian provisional government appointed Kanahale as the head of state for the newly restored Independent and Sovereign Nation-State of Hawaii.

Kanahale and Gordon Ka 'aihue were arrested and indicted in August 1995 by U.S. marshals on charges of interfering with the

arrest of Nathan Brown. Brown was a Hawaiian activist and tax protester. Kanahale was held without bail for three months and is widely considered a political prisoner.

CAER's upcoming conference, "We Speak for Ourselves: A Call for Change!" will take place Jan. 2 to Jan. 24, 1999.

Board president named by foundation

The University Foundation announced that Central Oregon real estate developer Michael L. Humphreys will be the 1998-99 president of its board of trustees.

Humphreys, 56, is a 1964 University graduate, a 1966 University marketing graduate and is the

president of Hult and Associates of Eugene.

He has been a foundation trustee since 1990 and served as chairman of an early planning committee for the Oregon Campaign. He is also a member of the Lundquist College of Business Advisory Council.

The 48-member board of trustees oversees operation of the foundation, a private, nonprofit corporation established by the Oregon Legislature in 1957 to support fund-raising activities at the University. They also receive and administer private gifts and grants to the University.

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